**CURRICULUM VITAE**

 

 **Nalishebo MEEBELO (PhD)**

A self-motivated, proactive and highly professional person, with a wide range of management and development experience:

I have worked in the agriculture policy and investment arena for approximately 14 years at African *national, regional and continental levels*. I have traveled on work assignments to 35 out of the 55 African countries; and,

I am an able and willing learner, who is highly organized and pays attention to detail, with good leadership and team working skills and the ability to perform consistently at the highest level, maintaining a constant focus on achieving objectives and delivering outstanding results.

**General Areas of Interest:** Agriculture Development, Food Security and Nutrition, Agriculture Risk

Management, Agribusiness, Agro-industrialization, Value Chain Development, Private Sector Development, Public Private Partnerships, Gender and Inclusion, Land Policy, Mining Policy, Organizational and Strategic Management, Business Development, Research and related Public Policy, Planning, Programming, Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E),Regional Integration, Trade and Investment, International Relations, Motivational Speaking, Youth Development, Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) Community Engagement, Conference/Workshop Coordination Including being a Panelist/ Moderator/Facilitator, Enterprise

**PERSONAL DETAILS**

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**Nationality:** Zambian

**Languages: English** (Fluent);

 **French and Kiswahili** *(Sufficient working knowledge of);*

 **Zambian Languages**: Bemba; Silozi; Chiyanja *(Fluent)*;

 Sufficient working knowledge of other Zambian

 and regional languages

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

**Qualification**  **Educational Institution**

1. Doctor of Philosophy in Business Studies Edith Cowan University (Australia)

 *(Areas of Focus:* ***Knowledge Management***

 *within the* ***Sustainable Development Framework****;*

 *and, a contribution to* ***Participatory Research***

 ***Methodologies)***

2. Master of Business Administration (MBA) Edith Cowan University (Australia)

***(with Finance)***

3. Post-Graduate Diploma in Business Edith Cowan University (Australia)

***(Leadership Skills and Research Methods)***

4. Bachelor of Arts University of Zambia (Zambia)

 *(****Economics, with Public Administration***)

5. Intermediate Diploma in French Alliance Français de Lusaka (Zambia)

6. Certificate III in Community Services Mission Australia (Australia)

 **(Youth Work)**

7. Trained in Gender Mainstreaming AUC and UNDP, Kigali Rwanda 2017

 **(for African Agriculture Development)**

**Assignments with the following donors and international organizations:**

1. United Nations (International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD); and, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
2. The World Bank
3. African Union Commission (AUC)
4. Development Assistance Incorporation (DAI) - an Initiative of the United States Development Agency (USAID)
5. International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)
6. Michigan State University (MSU)
7. International Trade Centre (ITC)
8. Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)
9. The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit - GmbH (GIZ)
10. Regional Network of Agricultural Policy Research Institutes (ReNAPRI)

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

**Current Employment and non-Executive Assignments**

1. Position: **Senior Program Coordinator**

**Regional Network of Agriculture Policy Research Institutes (ReNAPRI) 1 December 2019 – to date**

1. Position: **Non-Executive Board Member**

**United Bank of Africa (UBA Bank)**

1. Position: **Member of the Strategic Advisory Board**

**Global Challenges Research Fund – Agriculture and Food System Resilience: Increasing Capacity and Advising Policy (GCRF-AFRICAP)**

1. Position: **Board Member**

**Nkoka Women in Agriculture (Zambia)**

1. Position: **Member**

**Zambian Chapter of the African Women in Research and Development (ZaWARD)**

**Past Employment**

1. **National CAADP Expert (Zambia and the Kingdom of Eswatini)** under PEMconsult

**Project:** *Policy Advice for Strengthening CAADP Implementation*

On behalf of AUC and NPCA (April 2018 – October 2019)

Providing technical, coordination and facilitation support to the review and design of the Zambia and Eswatini National Agriculture Investment Plans (NAIPs), respectively; and subsequent analytical work towards alignment with the 2014 Malabo Declaration

Support to strengthening M&E and mutual accountability viz, CAADP/Malabo implementation in Zambia and the Kingdom of Eswatini.

1. **Consultant (Zambia - FAO)**

**Project:** Multi-stakeholder dialogue and collaboration to improve the policy and enabling environment for the design, implementation and impact of Public Private Partnerships (agri-PPPs) in Africa’s agricultural sector (July to September 2019) and (October to December 2019)

Coordination and facilitation of the agri-PPPs Roundtable held in Lusaka, Zambia from 13-14 August 2019 including report writing and follow up on outcomes of the dialogue.

Meeting with the FAO Country Representative Zambia and Permanent Secretary (Ministry of Agriculture Zambia) to map the way forward vis a vis strengthening of agri-PPPs in Zambia.

Forward thinking and contribution to concept notes and process modalities

Facilitating: the design of Zambia’s agri-PPP Guidelines along key commodity value chains; a country exchange visit under the UN South-South Cooperation initiative; and a feasibility study on the cassava value chain.

1. **Consultant (Zambia – International Institute for Sustainable Development [IISD])**

**Project:** Capacity Building and Advisory Services - to enhance Investment Promotion and Private Sector Development for Zambia’s agriculture development (2019)

Capacity gaps analysis in Zambian Government institutions and their agencies

1. **Country Liaison (Zambia- IFAD/PARM)**

Project: Platform for Agriculture Risk Management (PARM) hosted by IFAD (May 2018 – April 2019)

Building capacity for mainstreaming agriculture risk management (ARM) in Zambia’s agriculture sector strategy, using evidence-based analyses.

Coordination of feasibility studies on: strengthening the early warning system in Zambia; and, strengthening the warehouse receipt system in Zambia.

1. **Senior Consultant** (World Bank)

Project: Regional Forum on Climate Risks and Food Security Resilience (September 2018 – November 2018)

Liaison between COMESA and the World Bank for, as well as coordination and facilitation of, the regional forum on climate risks and food security resilience organized by COMESA in collaboration with the World Bank.

1. **Consultant – Partnerships Lead** (PULA io)

Project: Agriculture Insurance under PULA io (September 2018 and April 2019 – October 2019)

Promoting comprehensive (blended) agriculture insurance products, beyond weather index insurance, to include area yield index insurance etc., in support of smallholder farmers in Zambia, with a view to also easing pressure on the Government Treasury

1. **Consultant** (Policy Associates)

Assessment of the effectiveness of using public resources in financing subsidies and incentives’ schemes in Rwanda

Assessment of financial risks of agriculture PPP on the state budget in the medium to long term in Rwanda

(September 2019 to February 2020

1. Position: ***Senior Coordinator - New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition Secretariat***

 2015 – October 2017

 **African Union Commission** *Addis Ababa, Ethiopia*

1. Position: ***Deputy CAADP Coordinator & Principal CAADP Country Process Facilitator*** 2012- 2015

  **Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)** *Lusaka, Zambia*

1. Position: ***Country CAADP Process Facilitator*** 2010 – 2012

 **Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)** *Lusaka, Zambia*

1. Position:***Coordinator for the COMESA Business Council (CBC)*** 2009 -2010

 **Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)** *Lusaka, Zambia*

1. Position:***Technical Facilitator/Focal Point for CAADP Implementation*** 2009

**African Union Commission (AU)** *Addis Ababa, Ethiopia*

1. Position: **Consultant**2007-2008

**African Union Commission (AU)** *Addis Ababa, Ethiopia*

1. Position:***Intern-CAADP Regional Process Facilitator*** 2006 -2007

**Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)** *Lusaka, Zambia*

1. Position: ***Short Term Consultant*** 2006

**Zambezi Resources Limited** *Perth, Australia and Lusaka, Zambia*

1. Position: ***Guest Lecturer*** 2006

 **Cavendish University** *Lusaka, Zambia*

1. Position: ***PHD Candidate*** 2004 – 2008

**Edith Cowan University** *(Western Australia)* *Perth, Aust*ralia

1. Position:**Branch Manager***(Southern Region)* 1998 to 2000

**Mitchell Cotts Zambia Limited** *Lusaka, Zambia*

1. Position: **Export Consultant(Southern and Central Africa)** 1997 to 1998

 **Amanita Zambiana (Zambia)** *Lusaka, Zambia*

1. Position: ***Distribution Manager*** *for Alfa Distributors Limited*

 (A subsidiary of Alfa Investments Limited) 1994 to 1995

1. Position: ***Administrative Manager*** *for*Alfa Investments Limited 1995

1. Position: ***Group Administrative Manager*** *for*Alfa Investments Limited 1995 to 1997

 Administration and Human Resources Management for the entire Alfa Group of Companies

**Alfa Investments Limited** *Lusaka, Zambia*

1. Position**: *Bank Clerk*** (*Intern)* 1983 – 1987

 **Development Bank of Zambia (Zambia)** *Lusaka, Zambia*

**Public/Professional Positions Held**

1. **Position:** Board Member

**Institution:** United Bank of Africa (UBA Bank) – Zambia

Providing corporate governance oversight to the Bank **September 2019 – To Date**

1. **Position:** Member of the Strategic Advisory Board **2018 - To Date**

**Project/Programme:** Agriculture and Food System Resilience: Increasing Capacity and Advising Policy **(GCRF-AFRICAP) -** funded by the Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF)

**Organisation/s:** Consortium involving: University of Leeds (United Kingdom [UK]), Food Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network (FANRPAN), University of Aberdeen (UK), UK Meteorological Office, Chatham House (UK), the Royal Institute of International Affairs (UK), Civil Society Agriculture Network (Malawi), National Agriculture Marketing Council (South Africa), Economic and Social Research Foundation (Tanzania) and the Agriculture Consultative Forum (ACF)

1. **Position:** Member **2016- 2018**

**Project/Programme:** CAADP Technical Network on: Agro-industry and Value Chains

**Organisation:** African Union Commission

1. **Position:** Observer **2015-Oct 2017**

**Project/Programme:** Task Force of theEthiopian Agriculture Transformation Agency (ATA)

**Organisation: ATA**

1. **Position:** Member of the African Union Land Policy Initiative Steering Committee **2012- Oct 2015**

**Project:** AULand Policy Initiative (LPI)

**Organisation/s**: Consortium involvingAfrican Union Commission, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa and the African Development Bank

1. **Position:** Member of the Continental Veterinary Governance in AfricaSteering Committee

 **2012-Oct 2015**

**Project:** Re-enforcing Veterinary Governance in Africa **(VetGov)**

**Organisation:** African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR)

1. **Position:** Chair of the AgWA Steering Committee on Behalf of COMESA **2014-Oct 2015**

**Project:** Partnership on Agriculture Water in Africa (AgWA)

**Organisation(s):** United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and the Partnership on Agriculture Water in Africa (AgWA)

1. **Position:** Board Member

**Project:** Support to settlement ofTorture and Trauma Survivors (Australia)

**Organisation:** Association for Service to Torture and Trauma Survivors Inc. (ASeTTS)

 **2007-2009**

1. **Position:** Member of the initial Task Force and Member of the Management Advisory Board

 **1994 to 1997**

**Project:** Commonwealth Youth Credit Initiative (CYCI)

**Organisation:** Commonwealth Youth Programme - Africa Centre

1. **Position:** National Co-ordinator (Zambia Chapter) and Associate Editor for ‘Women Writing Africa: The Eastern Region (2003) volume **1999 to 2003**

**Project:**  Women Writing Africa

**Organisation:** The Feminist Press at the City University of New York, USA

**CONFERENCES/PUBLICATIONS/NOMINATIONS**

**2020 – Published -**Trans-disciplinary development and adoption of irrigation innovations. Linkages to principles of CAADP: A Commentary *(Irrig. and Drain. 69 (Suppl 1). 148-154 (2020)*. *wileyonlinelibrary.com*

**2019 – Published** Knowledge Compendium for Malabo Domestication – Contributor of Knowledge Note 7.1 on Agriculture Public Expenditure Reviews (AgPERs) - <https://www.nepad.org/publication/knowledge-compendium-domestication-malabo-declaration>

**General:** Contributor to various COMESA, NEPAD and AU Publications on agriculture development and, food and nutrition security

**2015 –** Nominee: Role Model for Modernising African Foods Systems by a constellation of institutions (Stellenbosch University, Michigan State University, Makerere University, University of Pretoria)

***December 2008*** –Abstract accepted to be presented as a full reviewed paper at the 8th European Conference on Research Methodologies for Business and Management Studies – Valletta, Malta – June 2009. The focus is on the use of interpretive participatory research methodologies, knowledge management and capacity building in policy and programme formulation and implementation

***April 2008*** *–* Presented a paper at the Murdoch University Mini – Conference on Leadership in Building Communities – Perth Australia

**2007 –** Contributor to the Framework for African Food Security (FAFS) Document under the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme

**2003 -** Associate Editor for ‘Women Writing Africa: The Eastern Region Volume (2003)

**REFEREES**

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